CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1.-57. (Withdrawn)

58. (Currently Amended) A closure device comprising:

a first fastening strip;

a second fastening strip;

a slider adapted to be slidably disposed on said fastening strips and facilitating the occlusion of said fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof and facilitating the deocclusion of said fastening strips when moved towards a second end thereof, said fastening strips and said slider having a longitudinal X axis and a transverse Y axis, said transverse Y axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said fastening strips and said slider having a vertical Z axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said transverse Y axis, said slider comprising a housing having a ~~first~~ flexible occlusion member for facilitating occlusion of said fastening strips when said slider is moved to said first end of said fastening strips.

59. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 58, wherein said ~~first~~ flexible ~~portion~~ occlusion member comprises a first inwardly biased leg for engaging said first fastening strip.

60. (Canceled)

61. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim ~~60~~ 59, wherein said ~~second~~ flexible occlusion member comprises a second inwardly biased leg for engaging said second fastening strip.

62. (Cancelled)

63. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 61 ~~60~~ wherein said fastening strips are disposed between said first and second ~~occlusion members~~ legs.

64. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 58 wherein said ~~first~~ flexible occlusion member has a first position prior to attaching said slider to ~~when the first flexible occlusion member engages~~ the first fastening strip and a second position when said ~~the first~~ flexible occlusion-member is attached to ~~not engaged with~~ the first fastening strip.

65. (Original) The invention as in claim 64 wherein the second position is deflected from the first position.

66. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 59 ~~60~~ wherein said first leg ~~second flexible occlusion member~~ has a first position prior to attaching said slider to the first ~~when the second flexible occlusion member engages the second~~ fastening strip and a second position when said first leg is attached to the first ~~the second flexible occlusion member is not engaged with the second~~ fastening strip.

67. (Original) The invention as in claim 66 wherein the second position is deflected from the first position.

68. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim ~~58~~ 59 wherein said first ~~flexible occlusion member~~ leg flexes for facilitating the attachment of said slider onto said fastening strips in said ~~horizontal~~ longitudinal X axis.

69. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim ~~60~~ 61 wherein said second ~~flexible occlusion member~~ leg flexes for facilitating the attachment of said slider onto said fastening strips in said ~~horizontal~~ longitudinal X axis.

70. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 58 wherein said fastening strips have a first width and a second width, said ~~first~~ flexible occlusion member has a first position for the first width and a second position for the second width.

71. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 70 wherein said ~~first~~ flexible occlusion member will take a set to the first position.

72. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 70 wherein said ~~first~~ flexible occlusion member will take a set to the second position.

73. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 58 wherein said fastening strips have a first width, said slider can be used with a second set of fastening strips having a second width, said ~~first~~ flexible occlusion member has a first position for the first width and a second position for the second width.

74. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 73 wherein said ~~first~~ flexible occlusion member will take a set to the first position.

75. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 73 wherein said ~~first~~ flexible occlusion member will take a set to the second position.

76. (Original) The invention as in claim 58 wherein said fastening strips comprise U-channel type fastening strips.

77. (Original) The invention as in claim 58 wherein said fastening strips comprise arrowhead type fastening strips.

78. (Original) The invention as in claim 58 wherein said fastening strips comprise profile type fastening strips.

79. (Currently Amended) A slider adapted to be slidably disposed on first and second fastening strips, said slider facilitating the occlusion of said fastening strips when moved towards said first end thereof and facilitating the deocclusion of said fastening strips when moved towards said second end thereof, said slider comprising:

a longitudinal X axis and a transverse Y axis, said transverse Y axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said slider having a vertical Z axis, said vertical Z axis being

perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said transverse Y axis;

a housing having a ~~first~~ flexible occlusion member for facilitating occlusion of said fastening strips when said slider is moved to said first end of said fastening strips.

80. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 79, wherein said ~~first~~ flexible ~~portion~~ occlusion member comprises a first inwardly biased leg for engaging said first fastening strip.

81. (Cancelled)

82. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 80 ~~81~~, wherein said ~~second~~ flexible occlusion member comprises a second inwardly biased leg for engaging said second fastening strip.

83. (Canceled)

84. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 81 wherein said fastening strips are disposed between said first and second ~~flexible occlusion members~~ legs .

85. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 79 wherein said ~~first~~ flexible occlusion member has a first position prior to attaching said slider to ~~when the first flexible occlusion member engages~~ the first fastening strip and a second position when said ~~the first~~ flexible occlusion member is attached to ~~not engaged with~~ the first fastening strip.

86. (Original) The invention as in claim 85 wherein the second position is deflected from the first position.

87. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 80 ~~79~~ wherein said first leg ~~second flexible occlusion member~~ has a first position prior to attaching said slider to the first ~~when the second flexible occlusion member engages the second~~ fastening strip and a second position

when said first leg is attached to the first ~~the second flexible occlusion member is not engaged with the second~~ fastening strip.

88. (Original) The invention as in claim 87 wherein the second position is deflected from the first position.

89. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 80 ~~79~~ wherein said first ~~flexible occlusion member~~ leg flexes for facilitating the attachment of said slider onto said fastening strips in said ~~horizontal~~ longitudinal X axis.

90. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 81 wherein said second ~~flexible occlusion member~~ leg flexes for facilitating the attachment of said slider onto said fastening strips in said ~~horizontal~~ longitudinal X axis.

91. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 79 wherein said fastening strips have a first width and a second width, said ~~first~~ flexible occlusion member has a first position for the first width and a second position for the second width.

92. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 91 wherein said ~~first~~ flexible occlusion member will take a set to the first position.

93. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 91 wherein said ~~first~~ flexible occlusion member will take a set to the second position.

94. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 79 wherein said fastening strips have a first width, said slider can be used with a second set of fastening strips having a second width, said ~~first~~ flexible occlusion member has a first position for the first width and a second position for the second width.

95. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 94 wherein said ~~first~~ flexible occlusion member will take a set to the first position.

96. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 94 wherein said ~~first~~ flexible occlusion member will take a set to the second position.

97. (Currently Amended) A container comprising:

first and second side walls, said first and second side walls including mating first and second fastening strips respectively, said first and second fastening strips comprising a closure device arranged to be interlocked over a predetermined length,

a slider adapted to be slidably disposed on said fastening strips and facilitating the occlusion of said fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof and facilitating the deocclusion of said fastening strips when moved towards a second end thereof, said fastening strips and said slider having a longitudinal X axis and a transverse Y axis, said transverse Y axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said fastening strips and said slider having a vertical Z axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said transverse Y axis, said slider comprising a housing having a ~~first~~ flexible occlusion member for facilitating occlusion of said fastening strips when said slider is moved to said first end of said fastening strips.

98. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 97, wherein said ~~first flexible portion~~ flexible occlusion member comprises a first inwardly biased leg for engaging said first fastening strip.

99. (Cancelled)

100. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 98 ~~99~~ wherein said ~~second~~ flexible-occlusion member comprises a ~~second~~ inwardly biased leg for engaging said second fastening strip.

101. (Cancelled)

102. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim ~~99~~ 100 wherein said fastening strips are disposed between said first and second ~~flexible occlusion members~~ legs.

103. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 97 wherein said ~~first~~ flexible occlusion member has a first position prior to attaching said slider to ~~when the first flexible occlusion member engages~~ the first fastening strip and a second position when said ~~the first~~ flexible occlusion member is attached to ~~not engaged with~~ the first fastening strip.

104. (Original) The invention as in claim 103 wherein the second position is deflected from the first position.

105. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 98 ~~99~~ wherein said first leg ~~second flexible occlusion member~~ has a first position prior to attaching said slider to the first ~~when the second flexible occlusion member engages the second~~ fastening strip and a second position when said first leg is attached to the first ~~the second flexible occlusion member is not engaged with the second~~ fastening strip.

106. (Original) The invention as in claim 105 wherein the second position is deflected from the first position.

107. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 97 wherein said first ~~flexible occlusion member~~ leg flexes for facilitating the attachment of said slider onto said fastening strips in said ~~horizontal~~ longitudinal X axis.

108. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 99 wherein said second ~~flexible occlusion member~~ leg flexes for facilitating the attachment of said slider onto said fastening strips in said ~~horizontal~~ longitudinal X axis.

109. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 97 wherein said fastening strips have a first width and a second width, said ~~first~~ flexible occlusion member has a first position for the first width and a second position for the second width.

110. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 109 wherein said ~~first~~ flexible occlusion member will take a set to the first position.

111. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 109 wherein said ~~first~~ flexible occlusion member will take a set to the second position.

112. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 97 wherein said fastening strips have a first width, said slider can be used with a second set of fastening strips having a second width, said ~~first~~ flexible occlusion member has a first position for the first width and a second position for the second width.

113. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 112 wherein said ~~first~~ flexible occlusion member will take a set to the first position.

114. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 112 wherein said ~~first~~ flexible occlusion member will take a set to the second position.

115. (Original) The invention as in claim 97 wherein said fastening strips comprise U-channel type fastening strips.

116. (Original) The invention as in claim 97 wherein said fastening strips comprise arrowhead type fastening strips.

117. (Original) The invention as in claim 97 wherein said fastening strips comprise profile type fastening strips.